

House Resolution 1982

By: Representatives Cole of the 125th and Sellier of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Monroe County, Georgia, as the Public Safety Capital of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Monroe Musketeers were organized on August 14, 1829, in Forsyth,
4 Georgia, as a volunteer militia to protect the citizens of Monroe County; and

5 WHEREAS, today, Monroe County is home to more than 630 public safety personnel within
6 two police forces, two safety training facilities, one correctional facility, and Georgia State
7 Patrol Post 44; and

8 WHEREAS, Monroe County employs 150 Emergency Medical Services personnel, such as
9 firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and others dedicated to saving lives in 12 county stations;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, through the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Monroe County is the
12 permanent home to training units of the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Bureau of
13 Investigation, the Department of Natural Resources, the State Board of Pardons and Parole,
14 the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division, the Department of
15 Juvenile Justice, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and the Georgia Firefighter
16 Standards and Training Council; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Public Safety Training Center annually brings into Monroe County
18 more than 40,000 public safety officers and students for job-specific-training programs for
19 state agencies, advanced and specialized training for both state and local peace officers, chief
20 executive training, and supervisory and management training; and

21 WHEREAS, the training facility is home to the Georgia Fire Academy, where more than
22 9,000 EMS personnel and students train in fire and safety related services annually; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Police Academy, which is also housed in the training facility, trains
24 approximately 10,000 students each year; and

25 WHEREAS, the training center has been recognized as a state-of-the-art facility and makes
26 Monroe County the center for all public-safety training in the State of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, Monroe County is also home to the Georgia Department of Corrections
28 Training Academy, which offers correctional officer training and, since its creation in 1983,
29 has brought to Monroe County more than 100,000 officers for training and certification.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize Monroe County, Georgia, as the Public Safety Capital
32 of Georgia for its location as the epicenter of public safety training for Georgia's officers and
33 emergency response personnel.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Monroe County, Georgia.